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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING		
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2011-66	
12	IGNACIO NIETO, JR. 1248 3rd Ave	ACCUSATION	·
13	Los Angeles, CA 90019		
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15	Registered Nurse License No. 653690		
16	Respondent.	·	
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	<u>PARTIES</u>		
20	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her		
21	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department		
22	of Consumer Affairs.		
23	2. On or about March 2, 2005, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued		
24	Registered Nurse License Number 653690 to Ignacio Nieto, Jr. (Respondent). The Registered		
25	Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and		
26	will expire on June 30, 2012, unless renewed.		
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#### **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
  - 5. Section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct . . . .
- "(e) Making or giving any false statement or information in connection with the application for issuance of a certificate or license.
- "(f) Conviction of a felony or any offense substantially related to thee qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."
- 6. Section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.

## REGULATORY PROVISIONS

7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such convictions or acts shall include but not be limited to the following:

" (c) Theft, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit."

#### COST RECOVERY

8. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request that the administrative law judge direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct: Substantially-Related Dishonest Acts)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, in that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct in the form of dishonest acts that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse when he failed to disclose two convictions when requested to do by a nursing staffing agency. On or about January 9, 2008, Respondent signed an Authorization for Release of Information (Authorization), in connection with a pending employment application with Nursefinders in San Diego, California. On the Authorization, Respondent indicated that he had been convicted of a misdemeanor in Dallas, apparently referring to the fact that on or about June 3, 1996, he was convicted of violating Texas Penal Code section 111195 [driving while intoxicated]. However, he failed to disclose other convictions, as follows:
- a. On or about February 14, 2005, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one Class B Misdemeanor count of violating Texas Penal Code section 21.08 [indecent exposure] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The State of Texas v. Ignacio Nieto, Jr.* (County Court at Law, Kaufman County Texas, 2005, No. 04CL-1655). Respondent was placed on one year of supervised probation and ordered to complete 40 hours of community service. The underlying factual circumstances occurred on or about June 7, 2004, when Respondent was arrested for walking around a parking lot naked, and offering sexual favors to truck drivers.
- b. On or about May 31, 1988, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of indecent exposure in the criminal proceeding entitled *The State of Texas v. Ignacio Nieto* (District Court of Cameron County, Texas, 1988, No. 87-CR-1161-A).

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The underlying factual circumstances occurred on or about September 25, 1987, when Respondent exposed himself to the paperboy.

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Providing False Information in License-Application Process)

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (e), for providing false information related to the issuance of his registered nursing license. The "Application for RN Licensure by Endorsement," which Respondent signed under penalty of perjury on or about January 23, 2004, included the following text just two paragraphs above his signature:

"I understand that I am required to report immediately to the California Board of Registered Nursing if I am convicted of ANY offense that occurs between the date of this application and the date that a California registered license is issued.... I understand that failure to do so may result in denial of this application or subsequent disciplinary action against my license/certificate."

The Board received Respondent's application for licensure on January 23, 2004, and issued his license on March 2, 2005. Respondent was convicted of indecent exposure on or about February 14, 2005, as set forth above in paragraph 9, subparagraph a. (Complainant now refers to and incorporates all the allegations contained in paragraph 9, subparagraph a, as though set forth fully.) Although Respondent had an affirmative duty to immediately report this conviction to the Board because his application was pending on the conviction date, he failed to report the conviction. This omission constitutes providing false information in connection with the issuance of his license.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Conviction of Substantially-Related Crime)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (f), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, for conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Complainant refers to and incorporates all the allegations contained in paragraph 9, subparagraph (a), as though set forth fully.

# PRAYER 1 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, 2 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision: 3 Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 653690, issued to 4 Respondent; •5 Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and 2. 6 enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; 7 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3. 8 9 10 11 DATED: .12 Interim Executive Officer 13 Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs 14 State of California Complainant - 15 16 LA2009604060 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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